

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Aviation Preparatory School at Sternberk was located in a former high school which had been converted to classrooms and billets. Although each class commenced with approximately 100 students, approximately 60 were eliminated by evaluation boards which met at four irregular intervals during the nine month course.
2. Entrance requirements for this school stipulated that the applicant
  - a. be a Czechoslovak citizen
  - b. be unmarried
  - c. have four years of high school
  - d. possess a physical fitness medical certificate
3. Applications were made to the Ministry of Defense. Upon provisional acceptance by the Minister of Defense, applicants were required to submit to physical and mental examinations.
4. The instructors of this school were commissioned and non-commissioned Air Force officers and were specialists in the subjects which they taught. All subjects were theoretical; no flying was done at the school. The following is the school's schedule of courses
  - a. Theory of flying
  - b. Aircraft instruments

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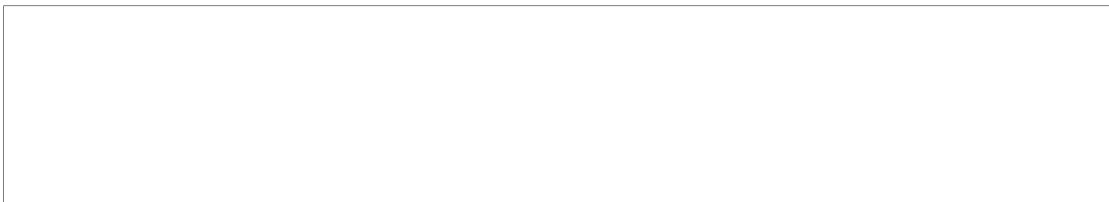
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- c. Navigation
- d. General meteorology (mostly definitions of terms)
- e. Geography and topography - map reading, projection, and geography of Czechoslovakia
- f. Aircraft engines; engine cutaway training aids
- g. Aircraft recognition; slides and motion picture aids
- h. Morse code; required a minimum of 8 words per minute, but most students reached 14.
- i. Anti-gas protection; chlorine and phosgene were discussed
- j. Protective clothing; a 15 hour course.
- k. Political instruction; a very short course.

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Annex A: Location of Aviation Preparatory School at Sternberk. [REDACTED]  
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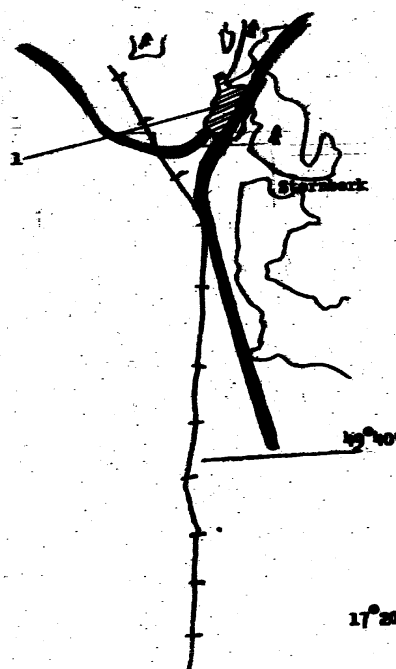
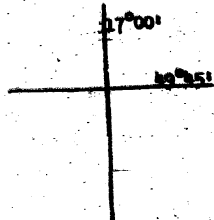
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**ANNEX A:**

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**Location of Starnberg Aviation Preparatory School**  
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